

# GEM based Transition radiation detector/tracker for EIC

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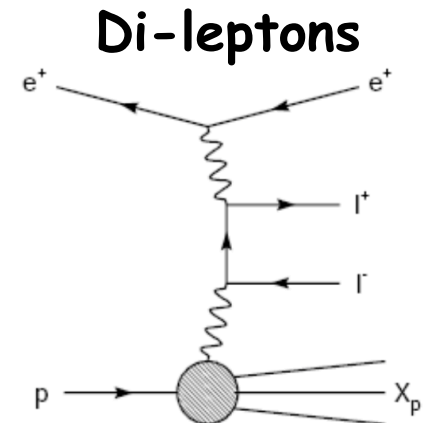
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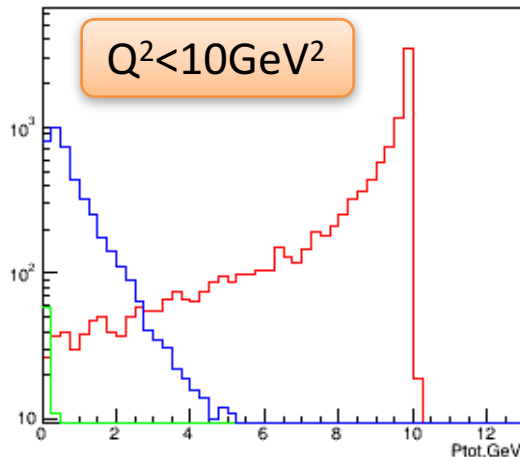
# Electron Identification, Motivation

Physics at EIC:

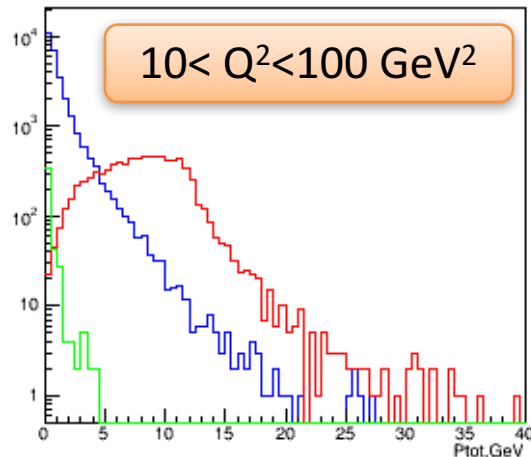
- ✓ For **rare physics**, based on electron identification
- ✓ Charmonium, light vector mesons ( $\rho, \omega, \phi$ )
- ✓ **Tetraquarks and Pentaquarks (and other XYZ states)**
- ✓ Open **Charm** physics via leptonic or semi-leptonic decays
- ✓ Di-lepton production
- ✓ Scattered electron identification at Large- $x$ , large- $Q^2$



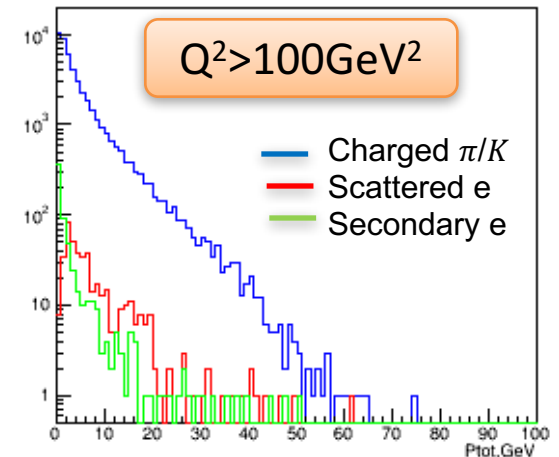
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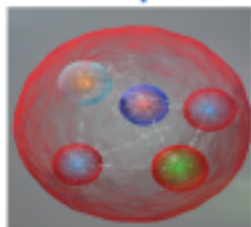


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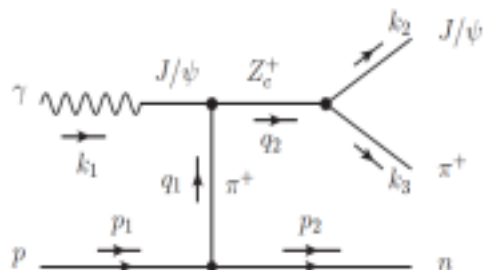
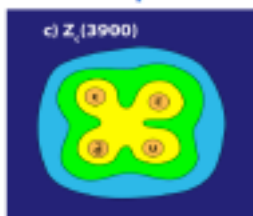


# New XYZ states at EIC

Pentaquark

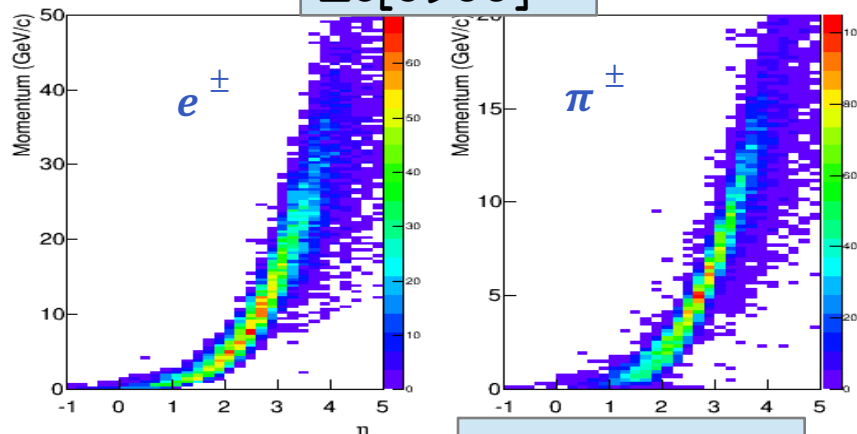


Tetraquark

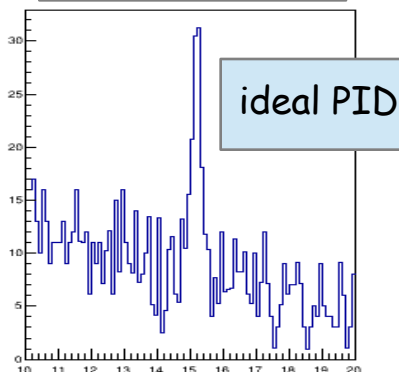


- Cross section:  
 $\sigma(Z_c[3900]) \sim 5 \text{ nb}$   
 $\sigma(Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}) \sim 10^4 \text{ nb}$
- Decay  $e^\pm, \pi^\pm$  boosted  
in proton beam direction

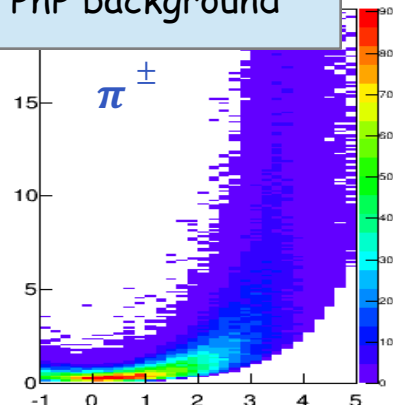
$Z_c[3900]$



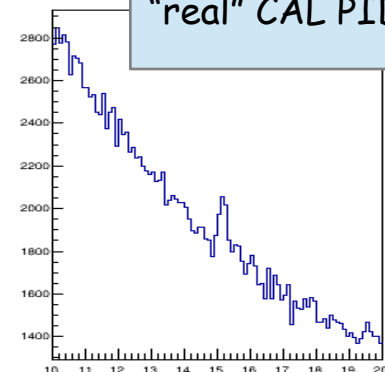
$Z_c[3900]$   
 $m^2(e+e-\pi^+)$



PhP background



"real" CAL PID



Excellent  $e/\pi$  PID in forward hadron region is needed for electron energy 1-100 GeV



# Hadron endcap detector

## Environment:

- Background: High multiplicity heavy Ion collisions, large number of pions and Kaons in forward region.
- Large  $\pi^0$  background.

## Needs:

- $10^3$ - $10^4$   **$e/\pi$  rejection** factor required over wide (1-100 GeV) energy range in the forward region (EMCAL  $e/\pi$  rejection 50-100)
- **High granularity tracker** with low material budget, not very expensive  $\Rightarrow$  GEM



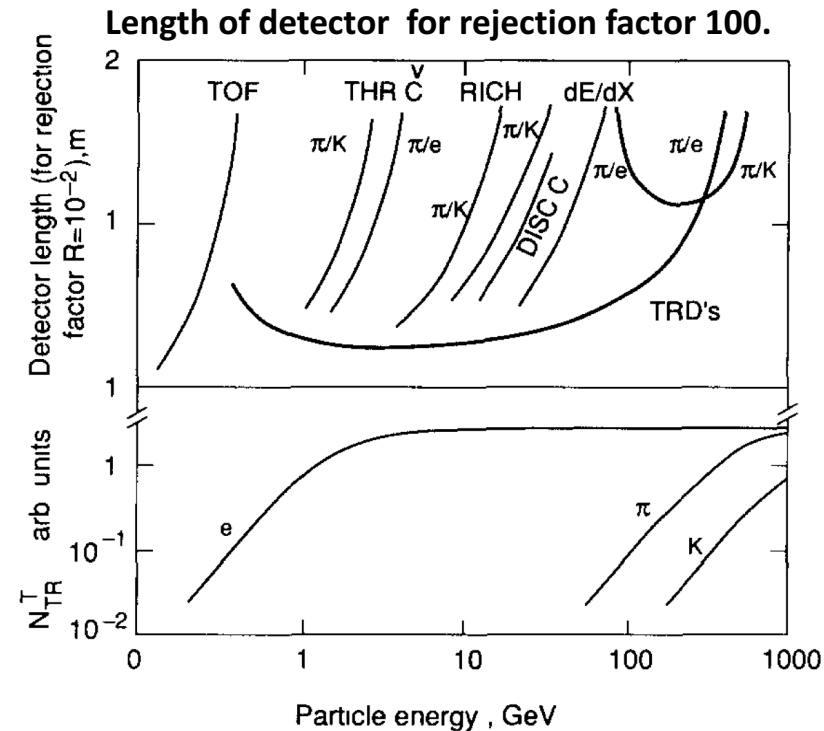
## Proposal:

- Tracker combined with TRD/PID function: which could provide **additional  $e/\text{hadron}$  rejection 10-100** and will cover energy range **1-100 GeV  $\Rightarrow$**   
**GEM based transition radiation detector/tracker**  
**GEM-TRD/T**

# Why transition radiation detector?

- TRD separate particles by their gamma factor
- **$e/\pi$  separation** in high  $\gamma$  region ( **1-100 GeV** ) where all other methods are not working anymore.
- Provide high rejection factor for a **small detector length** in a wide range of a particle momentum.
- Identification of the charged particle "**on the flight**": without scattering, deceleration or absorption.

- Typically TRD is either **combined with tracking** detector (ATLAS TRT) or provide **additional tracking** information in the region between RICH and CAL(HERA-B).



# Brief introduction to Transition Radiation

- Transition radiation is produced by a charged particles when they cross the interface of two media of different dielectric constants

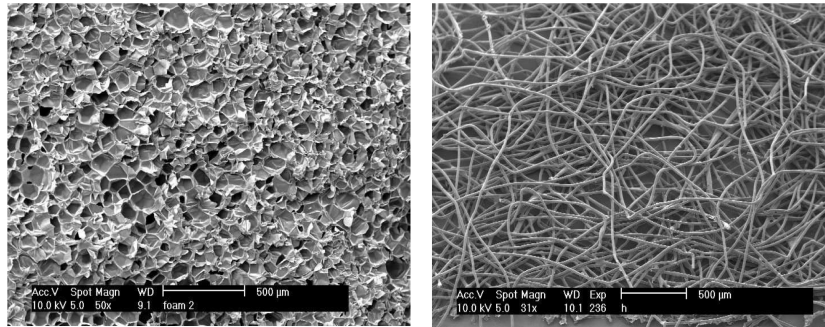
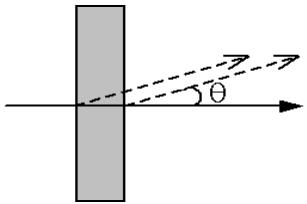
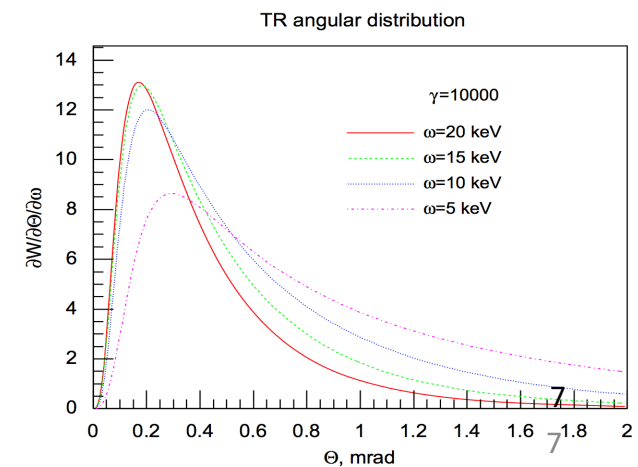
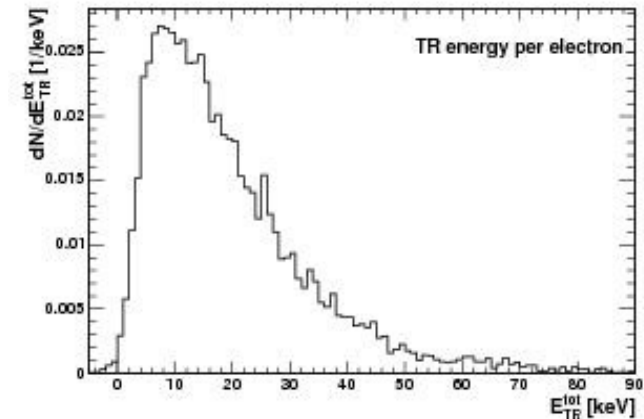
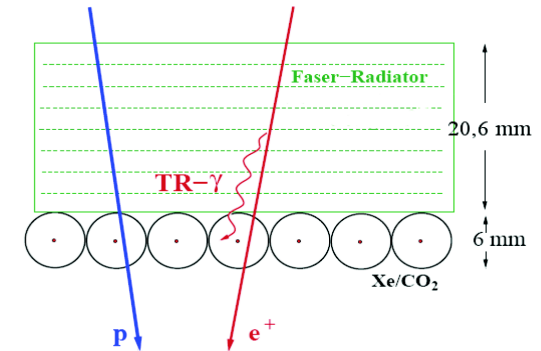


Figure 2: Electron microscope images of a polymethacrylimide foam (Rohacell HF71)(left) and a typical polypropylene fiber radiator (average diameter  $\approx 25 \mu\text{m}$ ) (right) [52].

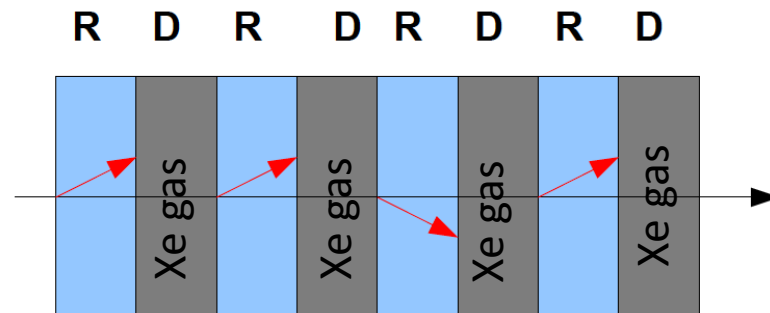
- the probability to emit one TR photon per boundary is of order  $\alpha \sim 1/137$ . Therefore multilayer dielectric radiators are used to increase the transition radiation yield, typically few hundreds of mylar foils.
- TR in X-ray region is extremely forward peaked within an angle of  $1/\gamma$
- Energy of TR photons are in X-ray region (2 - 40 keV)
- Total TR Energy  $E_{TR}$  is proportional to the  $\gamma$  factor of the charged particle



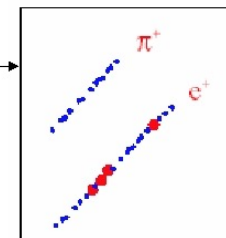
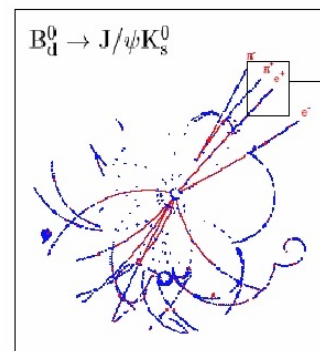
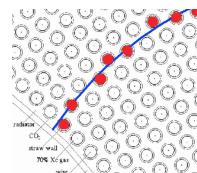
# How easy to detect Transition Radiation ?

- Stack of radiators and detectors (sandwich)
- For "classical" TRD (straws, MWPC) gas is needed for better absorption of TR photons: high Z required  $\Rightarrow$  Xenon gas ( $Z=54$ )
- TRDs are not "hadron-blind" ! they see all charged particles  $dE/dx$
- Several methods exist to identify TR photons on the top of  $dE/dx$ :  
( TR photons (5-30 keV) over a  $dE/dx$  background in Xe gas (2-3 keV)).

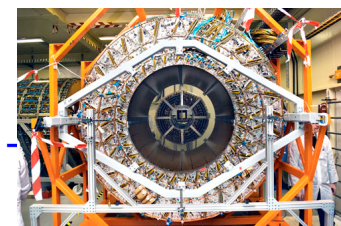
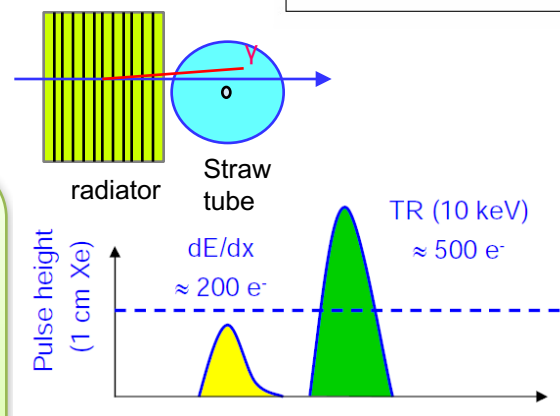
- Discrimination by threshold (ATLAS)
- Average pulse height along adjacent pads ( or along a track ) ( ALICE)  $\Rightarrow$  (next slide)



ATLAS TRT

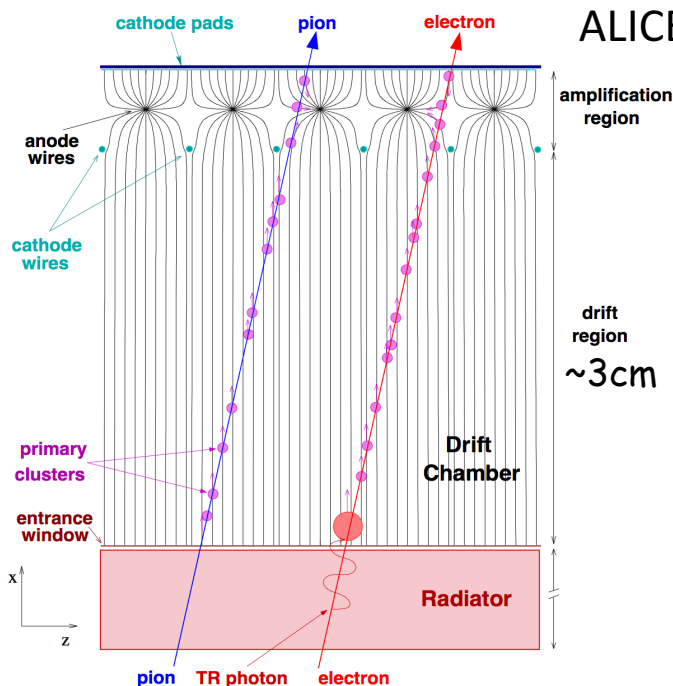


Simulated event, illustration of clusters from electron/positron and pion hits – small blue dots are ionizing hits, large red dots are TR hits

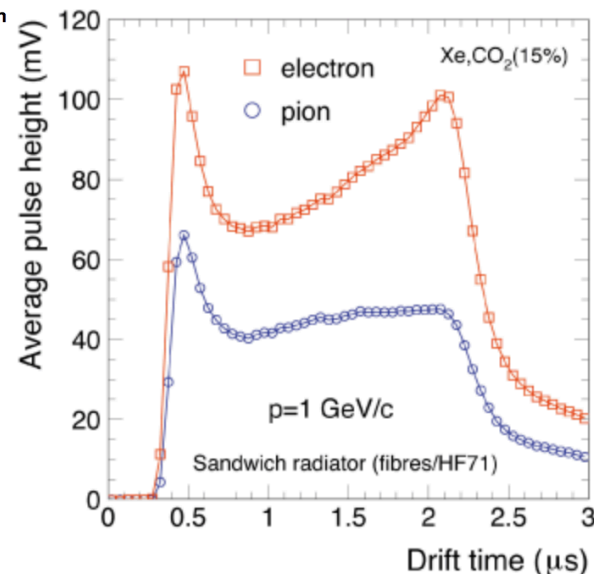


# TR detection in MWPC, Silicon

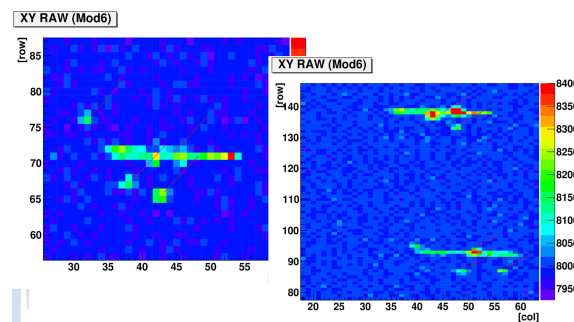
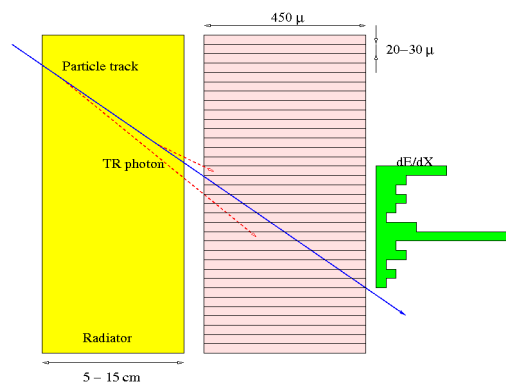
At MWPC:  
For electrons -  
significant increase in  
the average pulse  
height at later drift  
times, due to the  
absorption of the  
transition radiation  
near the entrance  
of the drift chamber.



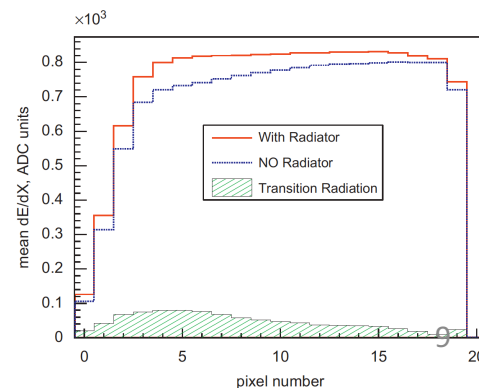
ALICE MWPC - TRD



Silicon DEPFET-pixels TRD



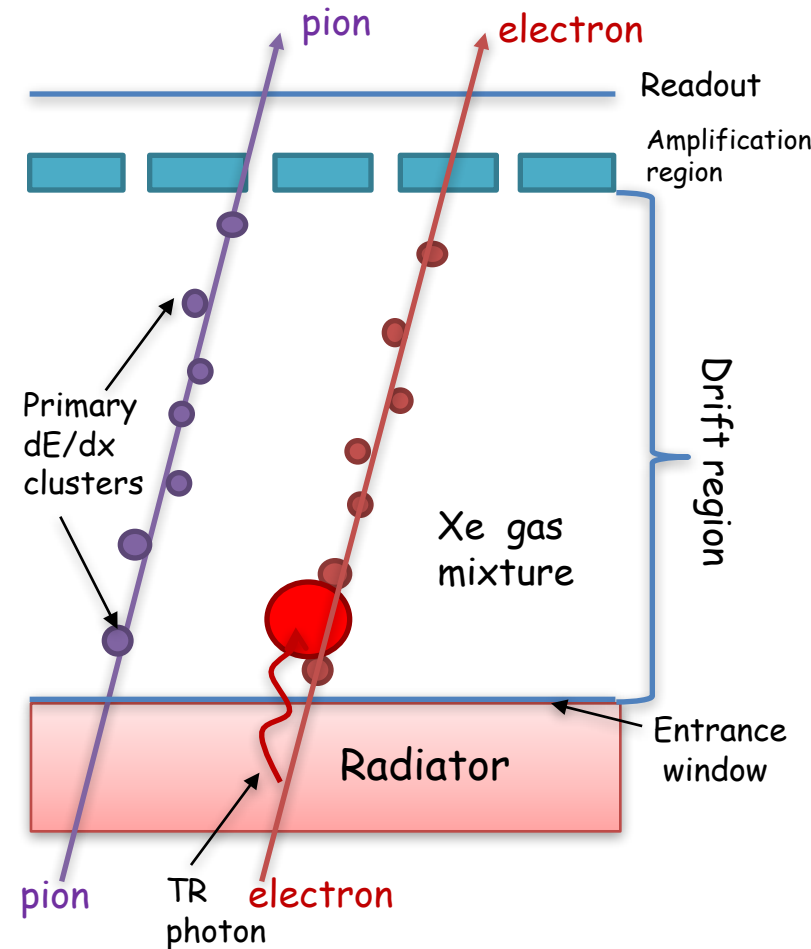
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# GEM as Transition Radiation detector and tracker for EIC

- High resolution tracker.
- Low material budget detector
- How to convert GEM tracker to TRD:
  - ✓ Change gas mixture from Argon to **Xenon** ( TRD uses a heavy gas for efficient absorption of X-rays )
  - ✓ Increase drift region up to **2-3 cm** (for the same reason).
  - ✓ Add a **radiator** in the front of each chamber ( radiator thickness ~5-10cm )
  - ✓ Number of layers depends on needs: Single layer could provide e/pi rejection at level of 10 with 90% electron efficiency.



# Radiators

- The theory of transition radiation predicts that the best radiator is a **stack of regular foils**:

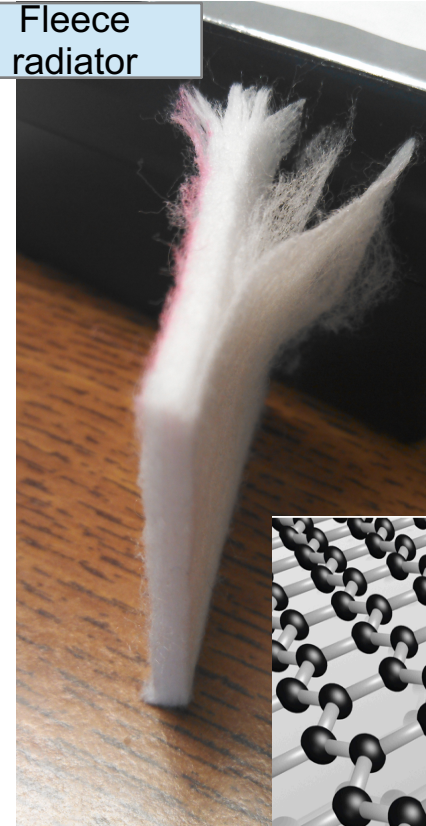
20-30 $\mu$  mylar foils and 200-300 $\mu$  air gap.

- ATLAS uses foils and spacer between foils to provide air gap.
- ZEUS and many other experiments used fleece radiator
- Proposals to use Graphene radiator:

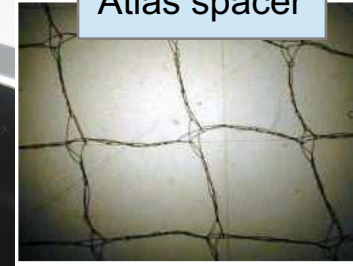
“Measuring the Lorentz factors of energetic particles with transition radiation”, M.Cherry, [10.1016/j.nima.2012.05.008](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2012.05.008)

- Boron Nitride Nanotubes (BNNT company)

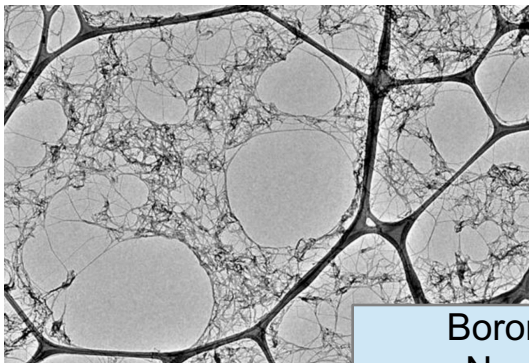
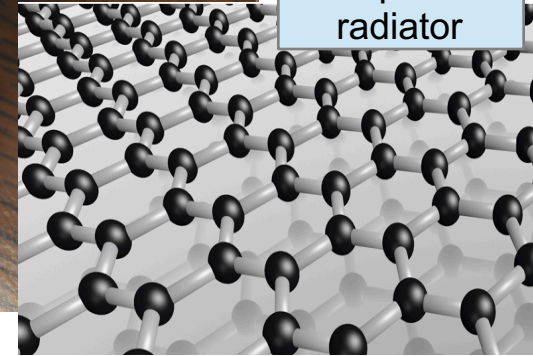
Fleece radiator



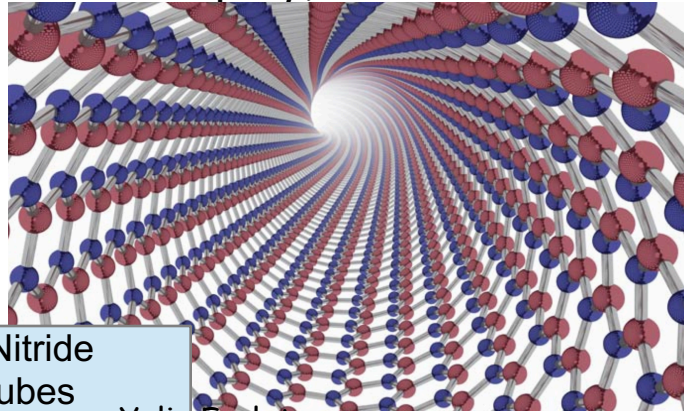
Atlas spacer



Graphene radiator



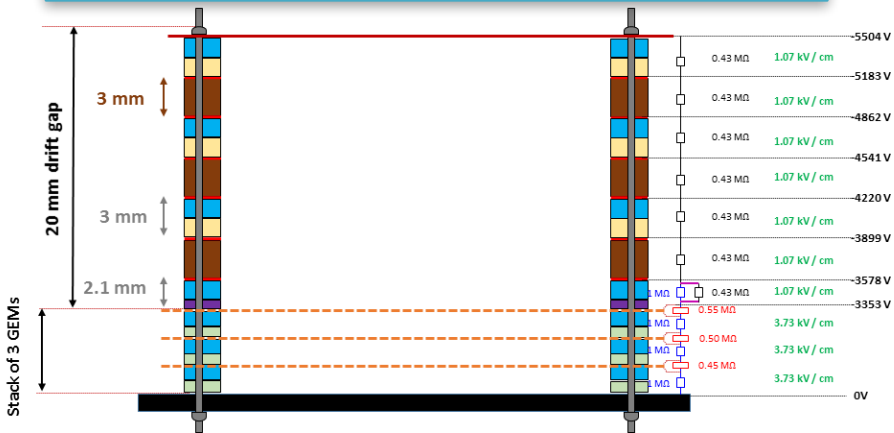
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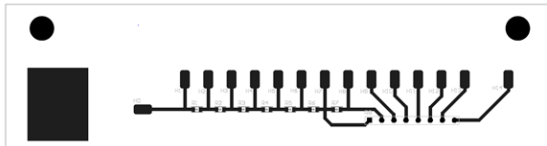
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# GEM -TRD/T prototype @ UVA

GEM-TRD/T cross section, 20mm drift volume

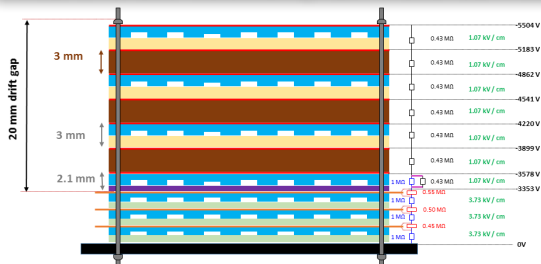


Drawing for the resistive divider

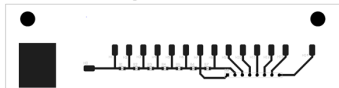


HV 5504 V,  
Resistive Divider = 7.404 MΩ,  
Max current = 747.3 μA

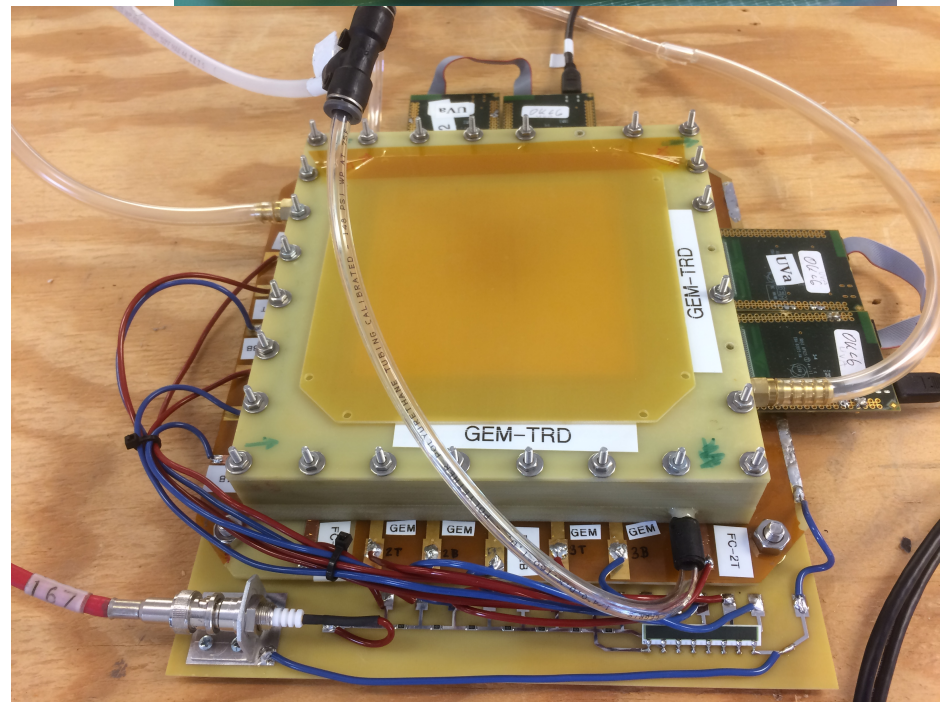
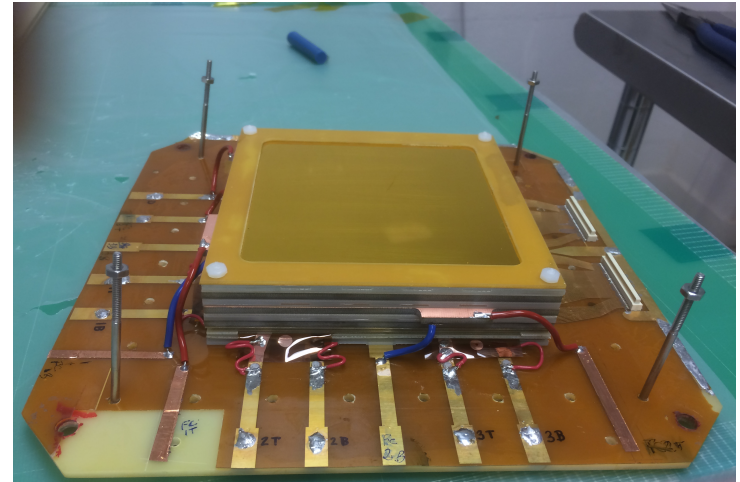
Walls cross section( for field correction )



Drawing for the resistive divider



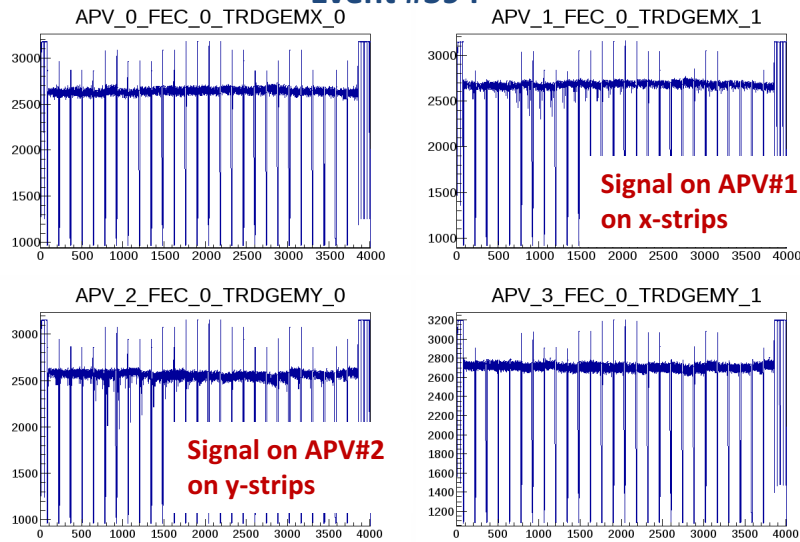
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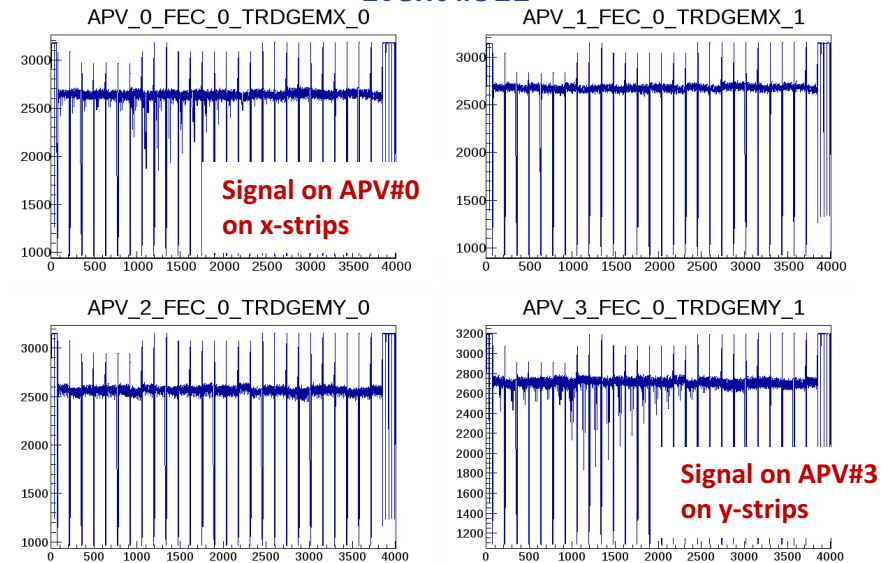


# Cosmic run with GEM-TRD/T prototype @ UVA

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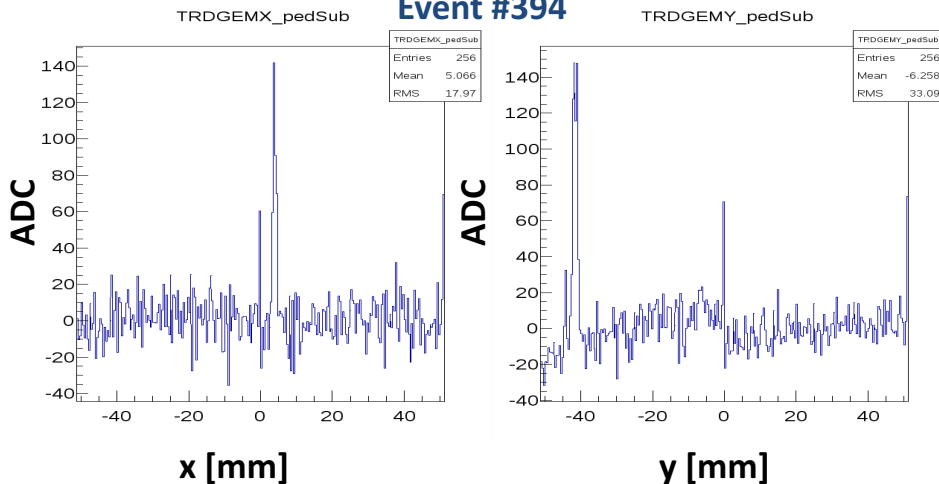


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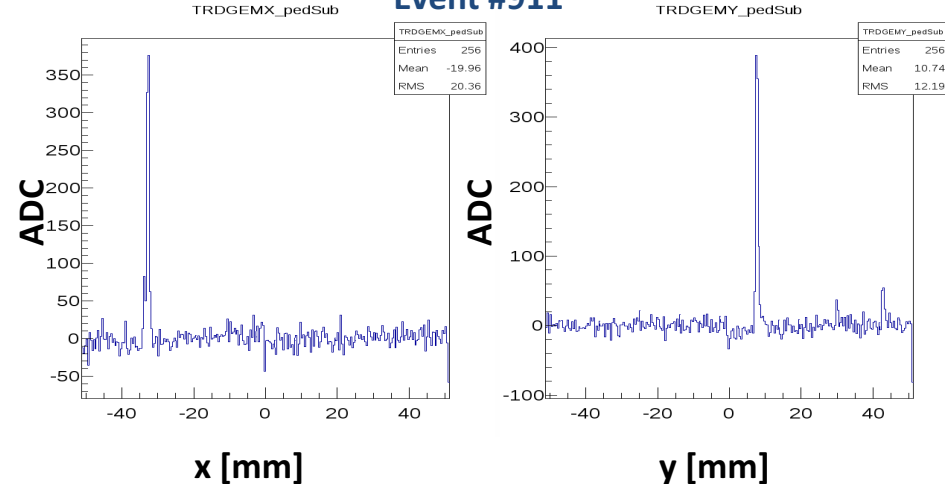


## Decoded hits in x and y direction of TRDGEM

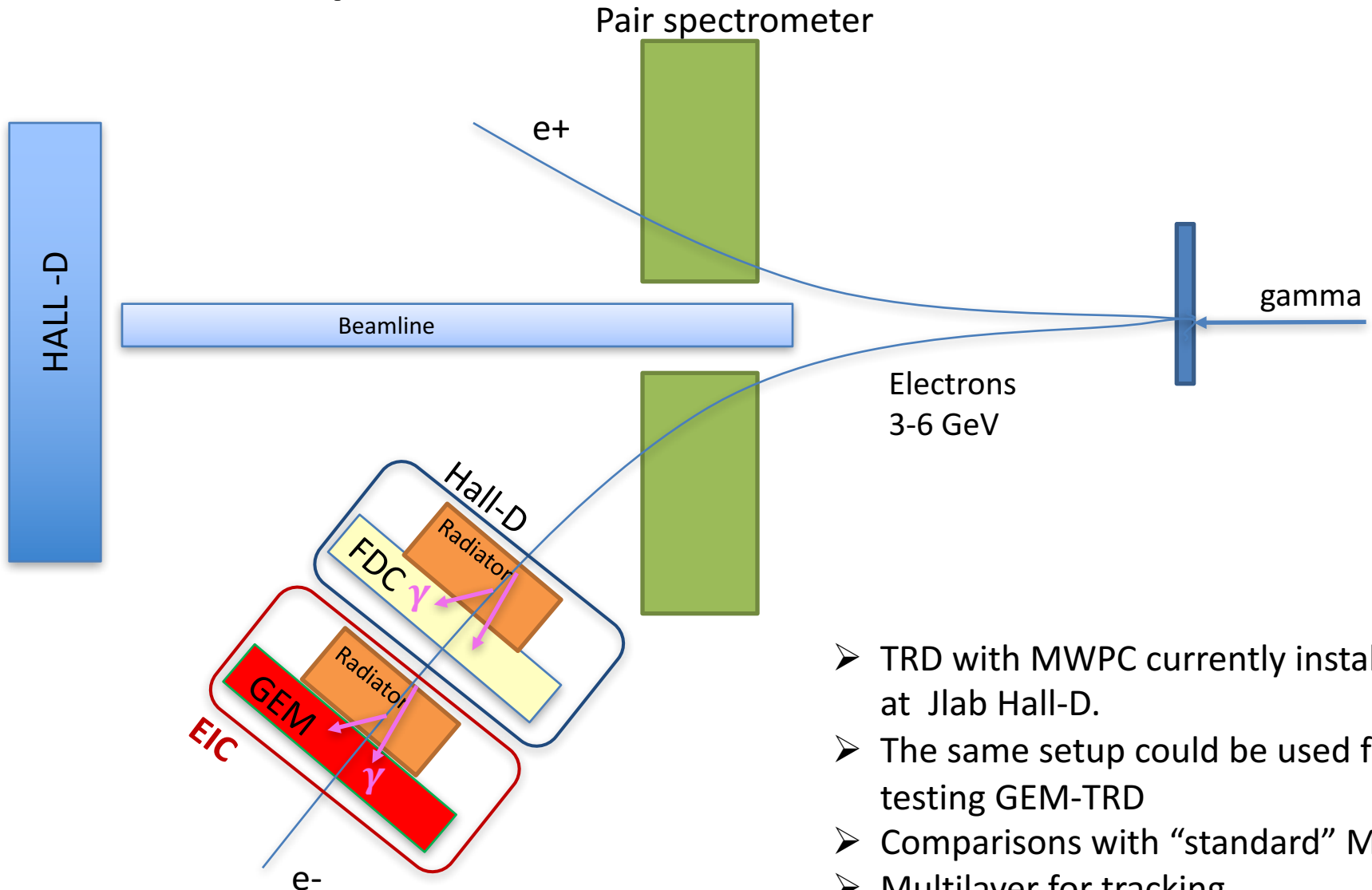
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# Test Setup at JLAB HALL-D



- TRD with MWPC currently installed at Jlab Hall-D.
- The same setup could be used for testing GEM-TRD
- Comparisons with “standard” MWPC
- Multilayer for tracking



# PROPOSAL FOR R&D

- GEANT4 simulation of TRD setup with GEM detector
  - Estimate e/pi rejection factor for different configurations: layers, gases, electron efficiencies...
- Using the existing facility at JLAB Hall-D perform a test with "known" radiators (ATLAS, ZEUS, etc.) - "proof of principle"
- R&D and tests of other TR-radiators
  - nano-technological radiators from BNNT (BNNT company provides a test samples)
- Test "existing" GEM front-end electronics and readout system for TRD purpose.
- Test different Xe-gas mixtures: drift time, voltages and gas-gain, adjustments.

# PROPOSAL FOR R&D

## Needs:

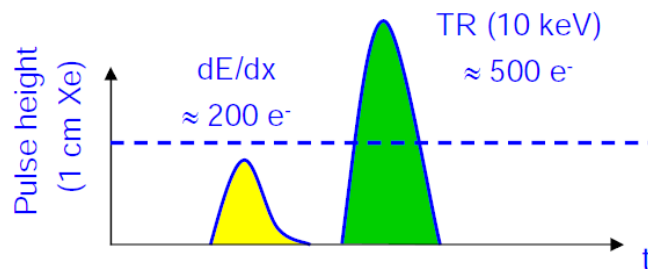
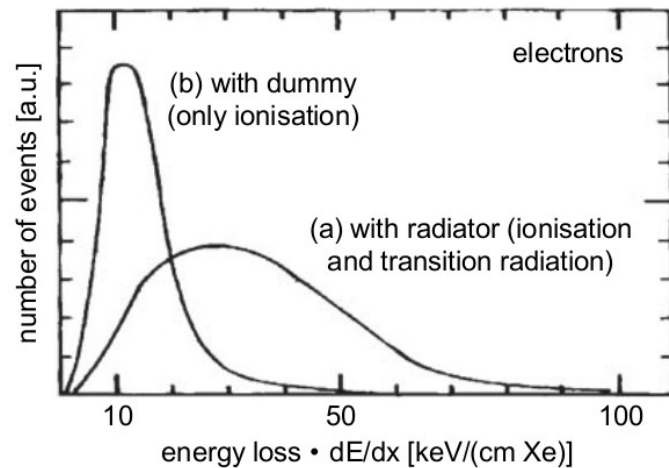
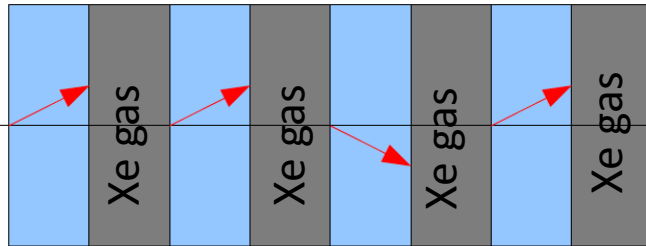
- Xe gas ( \$10 - \$20 per liter)
- Material/equipment :
  - GEM-TRD/T prototype modifications
  - Radiators
  - Mechanical boxes/support
  - Gas system: tubes/pipes, rotameters, pressure controls, CO<sub>2</sub> control (purification system is not needed for tests at the moment)
  - DAQ-PC with disk storage
- Travel to the testbeam

Thank you!

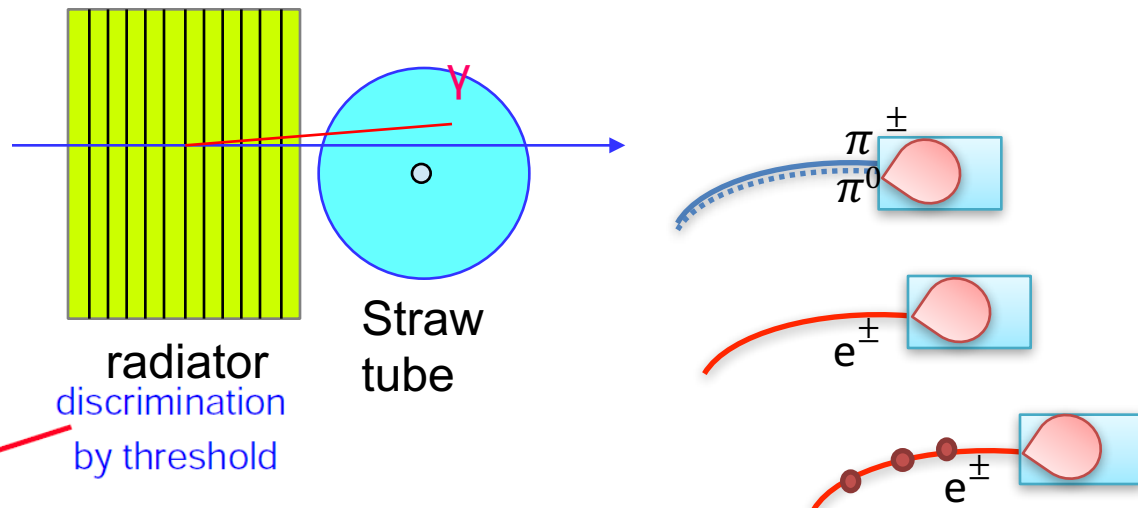
# Backup

# Xe -gas detectors

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- Stack of radiators and detectors (sandwich)
- For "classical" TRD (straw, MWPC) gas is needed for better absorption of TR photons: high Z required  $\Rightarrow$  Xenon gas ( $Z=54$ )
- TRDs are not "hadron-blind" ! they see all charged particles  $dE/dx$ :
  - Intrinsic problem: detector "sees" both TR &  $dE/dx$
  - TR photons (5-30 keV) over a  $dE/dx$  background (2-3 keV).





# Silicon pixel TRD

Problem: A huge  $dE/dX$  of particles in 300-700  $\mu\text{m}$  of silicon - about **100-300 keV** (TR photons 4-40 keV).

## • DEPFET silicon pixel detector

- Low noise, high S/N with 450  $\mu\text{m}$  thick fully depleted bulk(sensitive area), pixel size - 20x20  $\mu\text{m}^2$ .
- TR photons are clearly visible and separated from track by a few pixels!

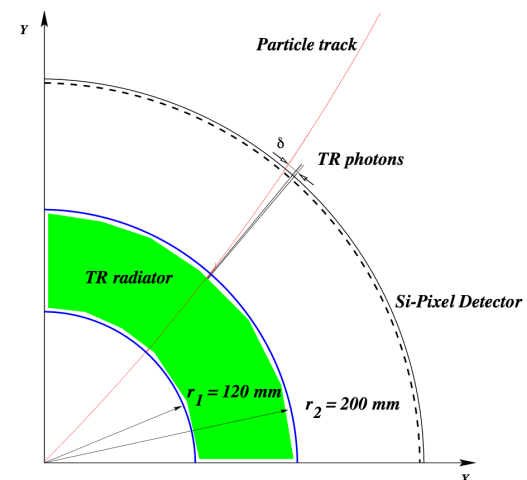
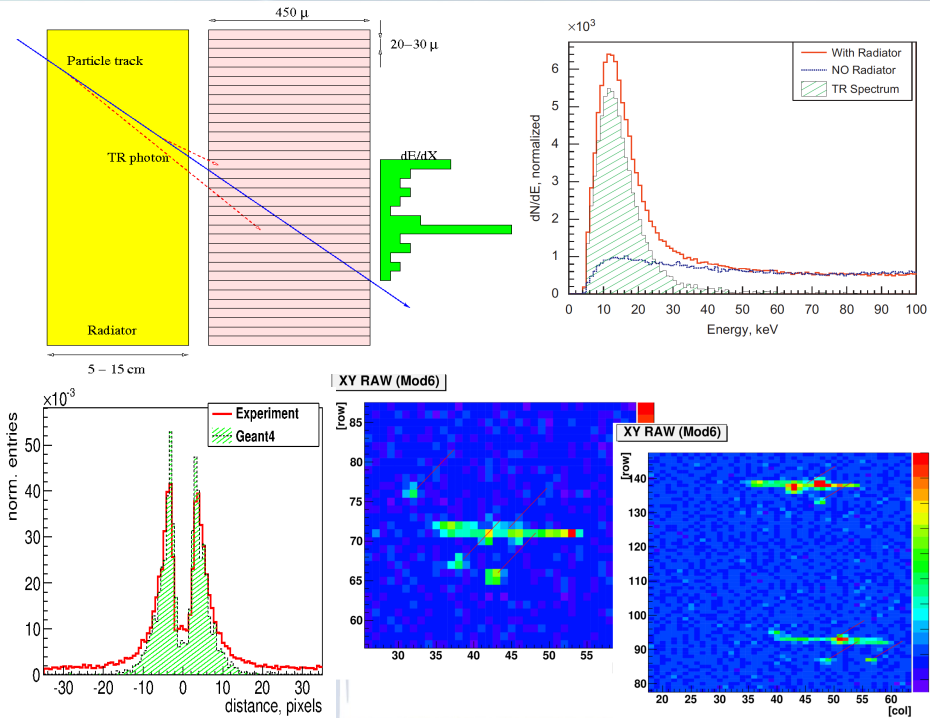
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## • Separation of TR and $dE/dX$ in different pixels in magnetic field

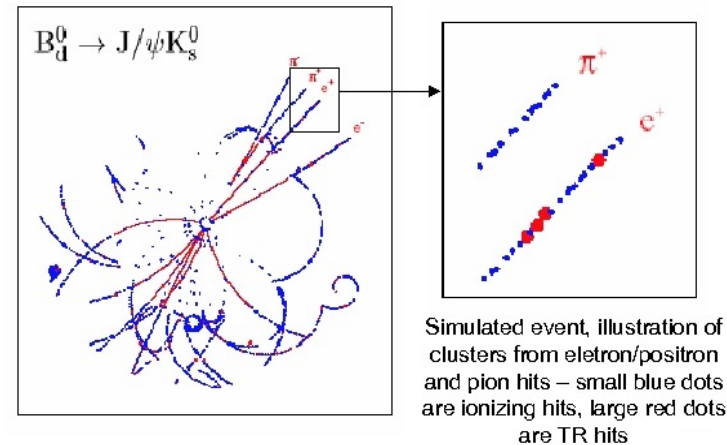
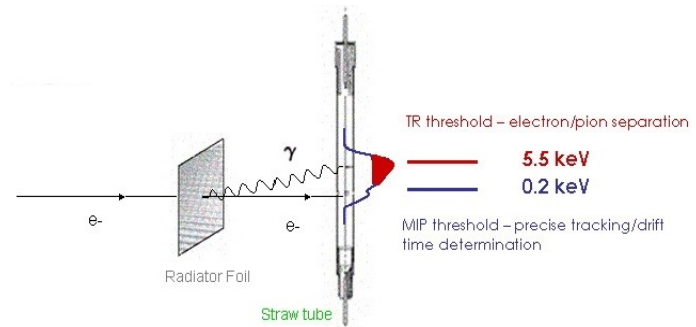
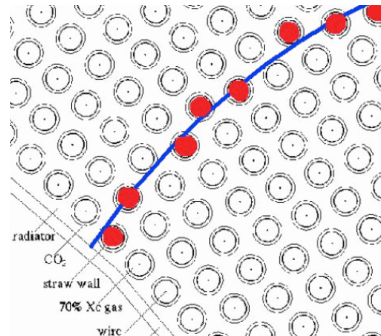
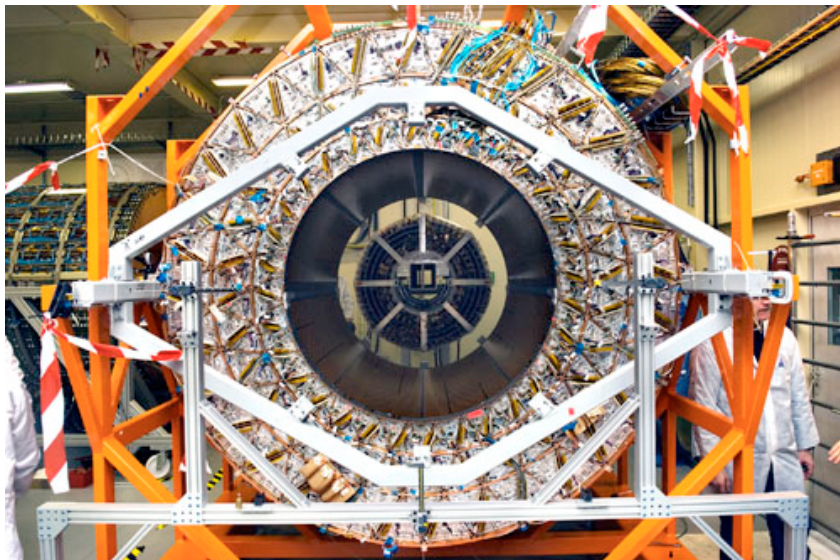
2000 B. Dolgoshein proposed a design for ILC/TESLA detector (see proposal **LC-DET-2000-038**)



# TRD with Straws

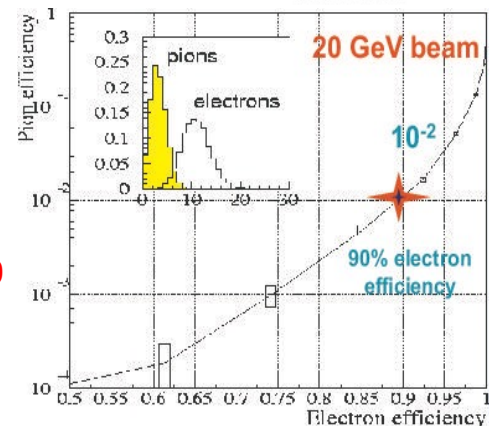
- The classical TRD is based on gaseous detectors filled with Xenon gas mixture to efficiently absorb transition radiation photons.
- Cluster discrimination by threshold method used to discriminate TR photons (5-30 keV) over a dE/dX background (2-3 keV).

ATLAS TRT Barrel



## ATLAS TRT

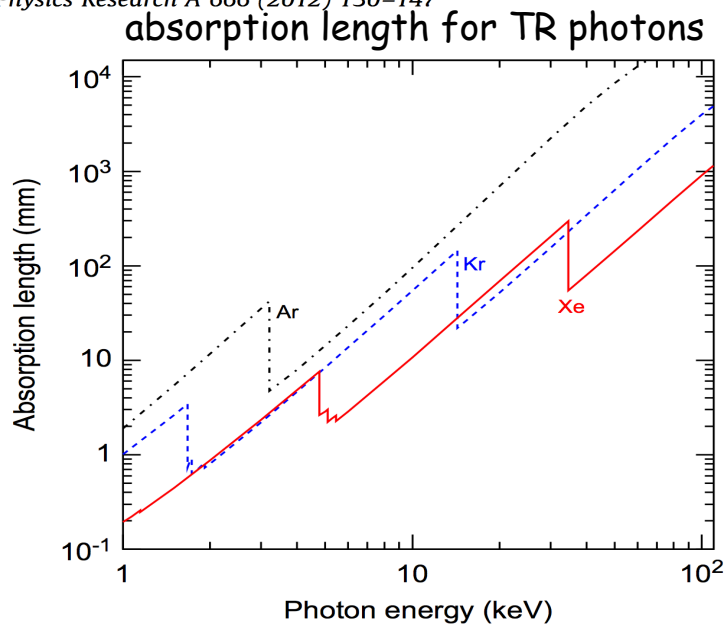
- Straw tubes (proportional chambers) 4mm diameter and up to 144 cm long
- drift time ~50ns
- track reconstruction ~150-200  $\mu\text{m}$
- e/pi rejection factor ~100.



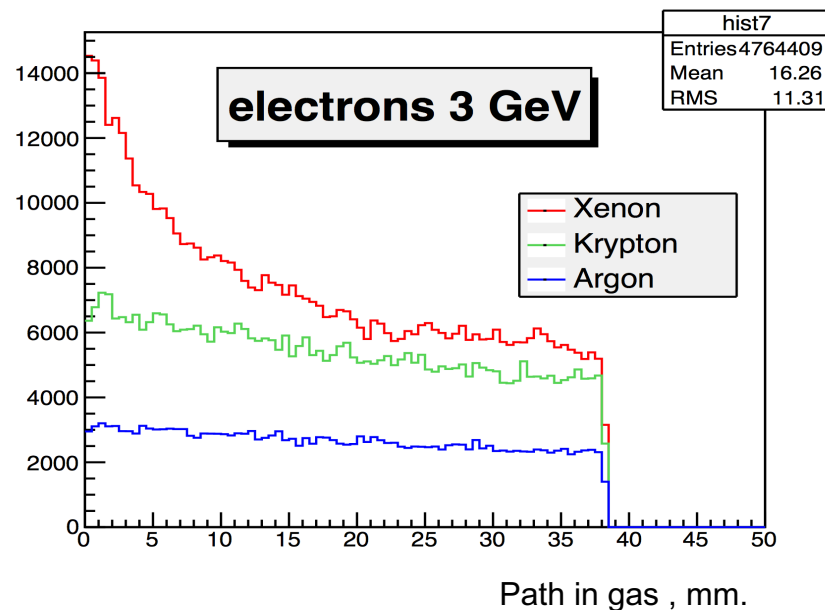
# Xe alternative?

- Xenon price is prohibitive to use it just like an Argon: \$15 - \$20 per liter.
  - needed gas purification system.
- Is there any alternative to Xenon ? : Krypton ? Argon ?

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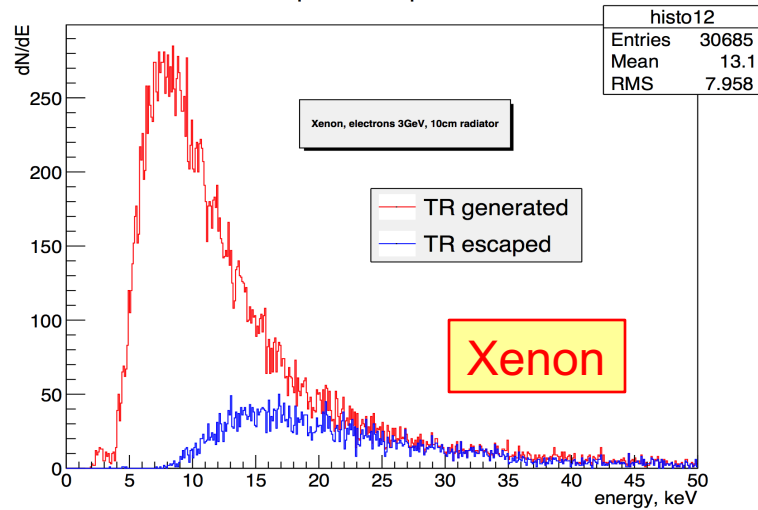


dE/dx for Xe, Kr, Ar

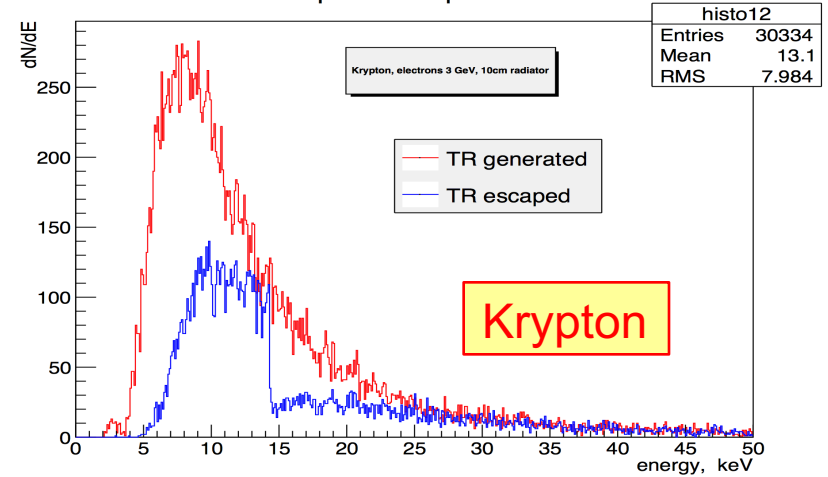


# TR absorption

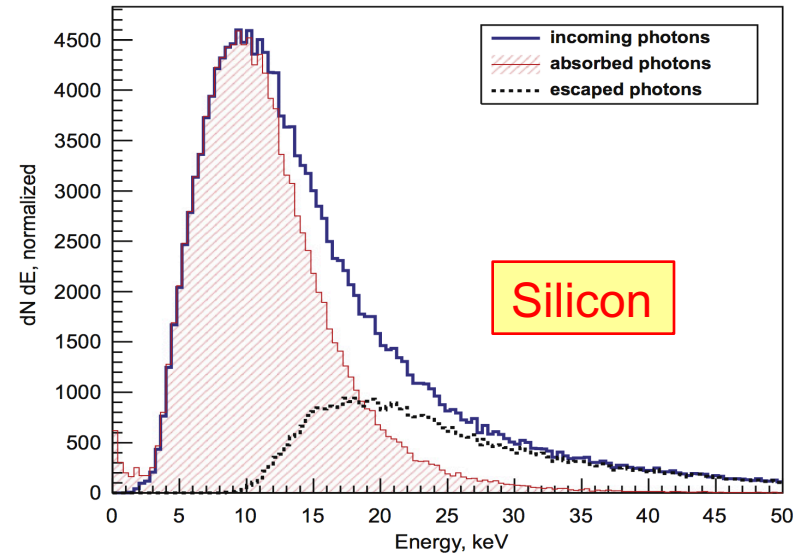
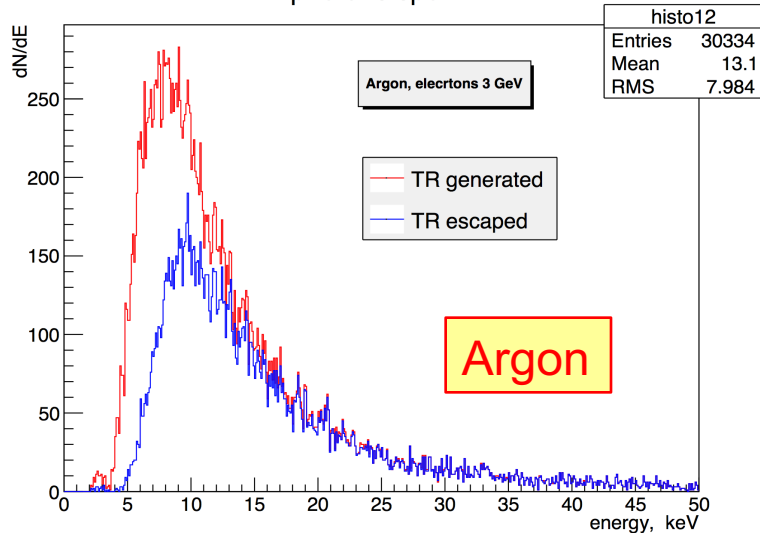
TR photons spectrum



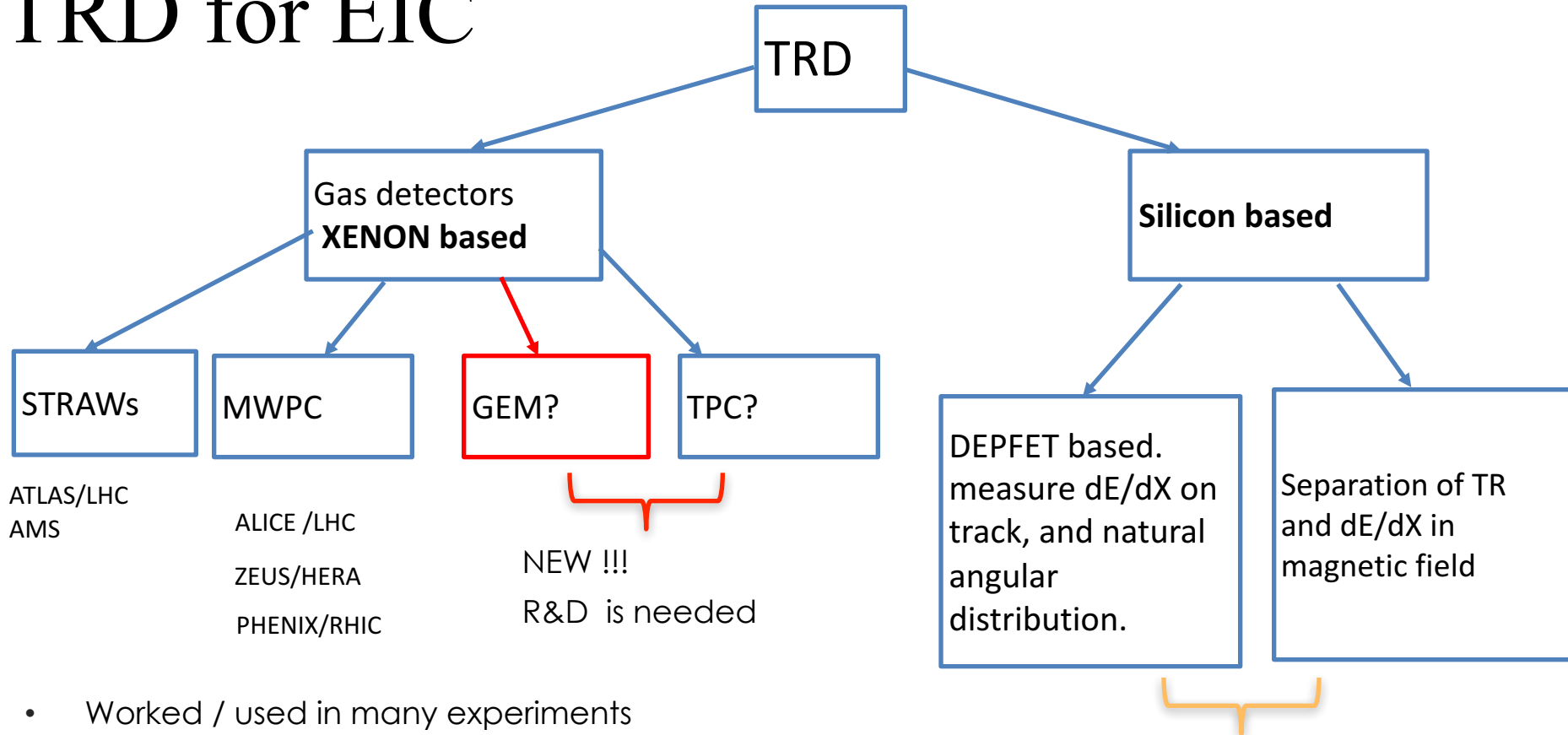
TR photons spectrum



TR photons spectrum



# TRD for EIC



- Worked / used in many experiments
- Could cover large area.
- $X/X_0 \sim 0.2\%$  for 4cm of Xe
- $X/X_0 \sim 1.5\%$  for 10 cm of radiator
- Problem: Xenon is **very expensive** => gas purification system is needed.

- NEW !!! R&D is needed
- $X/X_0 \sim 1.5\%$  for 600 $\mu\text{m}$  of Silicon
- $X/X_0 \sim 1.5\%$  for 10cm of radiator
- Problem: price for DEPFET detector => not for large areas => may be for Vertex?